

Recognized in the Breaking of the Bread

~Luke 24:31



Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

Prelude

Chris Darby, Guitar

WELCOME

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

EASTER LITANY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

The grave is dark and never gives back.

But God is stronger than all of death!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

In Christ, sorrow gives way to joy.

The dead now rise to new life!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (vs 1-4)

ELW 619

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KIRIE

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (*spoken responsively*)

¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

² **for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenever | er I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**

“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

¹² How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile.¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them,

whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Day Of Arising”

ELW 374

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (especially). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for (Olavus Petri, Laurentius Petri and) all who have nurtured your church’s life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
(vs. 4) **ELW 367**

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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It is indeed right...

LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

ELW 697

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection
dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“We Walk By Faith ”

ELW 635

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Prayer List

For Health:			For Safety:
Joyce G	Charlotte D	Malynda A	Andrew C
Bill B	Jonathan A	Annamaria T	Todd S
Cathy L	Pauline N	Brenda B	Michael C
Marion B	Curt R	Lee T	Tyler G
Lily V	Matthew S	Judi E	Erik B
Holly N	Joan A	David O	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Diane E	Michael G	Evan G
Lisa A	Dick C	Patricia C	David P
Aiden J	Karen R	Family of	
Helen A	Stacey T	Marjorie F	
Matthew A	Pat J		
Bud J	Lois B		
Jessica A	Loe M		
	Alexis R		

SERVING TODAY

Don Roche - Lector
Geri Ristow - Worship Assistant
Donna Berndtson, Rick Borg, - Ushers/Greeters
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist
Chris Darby - Guitar

Save the Date:

Italian Night



Zion Lutheran Church
Italian Night 2026

Sunday, May 31th
Social Hour: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 5:00 p.m.



Zion Lutheran Church is participating in the **Birdies For Charity** program once again this year. **Donations are being accepted now and will go through June 28.** I encourage everyone to visit their website which is


Travelers Championship and then you can scroll down to Birdies For Charity. This year, the money that is donated to Zion will be going towards capital improvements, which are badly needed at the church. There are also hundreds of different charities listed on their website that you can always donate if it's something that's near and dear to your heart. A portion of the proceeds from the church will be going to charity. If you have any questions, please see Donna B after church. Thank you and God bless.

Volunteer Opportunity

We need volunteer to come to the **SYNOD Assembly June 4-6.**

If you are interested, please see Pastor Sara for details.

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 Thank you to Brenda and Donna B. for organizing and hosting coffee hour today.

Zion Lutheran Church presents:

Lancaster Show Trip and the Dutch Country

5 days and 4 nights

The trip departs 183 William Street at 8:00 am on Monday, Oct 26. and returns on Friday, Oct 30.

The cost is \$765 per person, double occupancy.

Please call Barbara Shaw at 860-262-3531 for more information and reservations.

Interfaith Coalition of Portland

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, 10:00 AM

This unique presentation will focus on the life and legacy of Ann Hibino, a resident of Portland from 1951 until her death in 1998.

This presentation is adapted from a 1991 interview by the American Friends Service Committee about Ann's life before, during and after World War II when she and 120,000 other innocent Japanese American citizens and legal residents who lived on the West Coast, were forcibly removed from their homes and communities and incarcerated by the American government.

Ann's daughter Diane will also share her own experiences growing up as a member of the only Asian American family in Portland in the 1950s and 60s. Registration is recommended and open now.

Questions: PortlandCTSolidarity@gmail.com



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for April, May and June** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.

Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

Today: April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: 1:00 p.m. Grace Guild

6:00 p.m. N/A

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Happy Handz

7:00 p.m. Council

Friday: 7:00 p.m. N/A

Next Sunday:

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. The Chosen

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Next weeks readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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